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CALM YOUR FEARS.

UR greatly respected contemporary, the Central Express, in its issue of the 8th inst., has an editorial on the now interesting and popular theme-"the Farmers' Alliance and politics." The article is conceived in admirable spirit and is marked, as is usual with that paper, by a degree of candor and frankness that is commendable. It entertains no fears as to the effect on the general welfare of the organization engaging in politics, and says it infers from an article in THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER on the new revolution, that "the Farmers' Alli ance is going into politics this fall. Surely our good friend did not read the article entire, for ther was nothing in a fair and legitimate construction of the meaning of that article to justify any such inference or assertion. True, it has been asserted time and again by designing men and for selfish proposes, that the Alliance was going into politics as a separate organization -that its purpose is to build up a third party, etc.

We assert now, as we have had occasion to say before, that we know of nothing that has ever appeared in the columns of this paper-nothing in the declaration of purposes -- nothing in our demands as an order-nothing. that has been said by any one authorized to speak for the Alliance-nothing in its action or course that sustains even the semblance of such a

rediculous charge. The difficulty with these nervous gentlemen is, that they seem unable "to distinguish between politics and partisonism. The greatest evils which afflict the farmers of this country today have come about through corrupt political methods. The farmers are beginning to realize it. To be a good and intelligent citizen the farmer should study and inform himself as to the great political and economic questions which so vitally affect his inter-If in the investigation he finds that he is being oppressed through incompetent or unfruitful officials -- that legislation or the administration of law is working to his detrimentwhether these wrongs are being per petrated within his own or an opposing political party, he is in duty bound to correct these evils if it be possible. In his efforts to do so, he should be guided by that manly individuality and independence which is born of the highest and most unselfish patriotism None know better than the Alliancemen that their efforts for reform could in no way be so surely neutrals ized as by converting the organization into a political party. In no manner does the Alliance or its obligations interfere with a man's religion or political freedom. He is left to his own free will and may belong to any church or sect which acknowledges the existence of a Supreme Being, and to any political party which is not subversive of our free government.

But these unjust charges have been made and will continue to be made in order to intimidate the people by designing and selfish men. They are made to divert the minds of the people from the vital point, the evils under which we suffer and their cause. And we entirely and heartily agree with the Express when it says:

friends."

than a score outside, and especially is cacy of the right.

this true of men of influence. Be cause a man joins the Alliance he is not deprived of any of the rights or privileges as a citizen which he enjoyed before. If he is thought and regarded by the people as a proper man for official position, he should be as eligible as any other man and they should elect him. But if a man so far forgets himself and his duty as an Allianceman as to presume that he may use the Alliance and its fraternal aid in promoting his selfish ends, the sooner such an one be taught the lesson that the Alliance cannot be made a stepping stone or a tool, the better for the Alliance and for the country. So we have time and again admonished the brotherhood to be on the alert, lest they be deceived.

We sincerely reciprocate the kindly and generous expressions of esteem porary honors us in the article referred pointedly." It asks us to lay aside with liberal propositions for inducing and regard with which our contemto, and would ask that paper not to allow itself to be disturbed by the many things which are floating on the winds in regard to the Alliance and the editor of THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER. As the time for nominating candidates and the day of election approaches each day, will doubtless bring forth new charges and new accusations against us. The Express relates what "an old editor and one who travels about the State much" has to say of the "public talk" that is going on respecting the alleged aspirations of the edi tor of THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER for a seat in the U.S. Senate, and the Express is just enough to say that it does not believe it. We suspect that our neighbor will see many such men during the next few months if he will only keep his eye open, for they will be "on the road."

It is well known to many that the editor of THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER has steadily declined political honors since the war and should the day ever come that he would consent to such preferment, he hopes he will still retain sufficient self-respect to seek it in an honorable and manly way. And in justice to himself he must give it as his conviction that the "public talk" referred to by "an old editor" grew out of the fact that the possibil. ity of such a scheme has been freely canvassed in a certain clique that is scheming for the defeat of Senator Vance. It is certainly totally unwarranted by any desire or aspiration of ours, or by any word we have ever uttered to any human being. But we thoroughly understand who authors of this "public talk" are and what is their purpose. It is to create prejudice against the Alliance and to demoralize its membership. In both it will be a signal failure. And we may say in conclusion that the Alliance, nor any one who is worthy to be regarded as one of its representative members; whether they have been read out of their party by self-constituted bosses or not, will form no "combination," with the foes of Sen ator Vance or any other man to defeat him, but they will strike, if need be, with an open front, boldly and manfully as becomes American free-

JUST A LITTLE THING.

brethren in your Alliance who are not | tional Treasury. subscribers? Have you brethren who the great cause it advocates, do so now? the matter in hand, we refer our conthis to do one thing for the paper-it is a small thing, and yet it would result and that "we demand that taxation, Alliance ask permission to speak a word for the paper. Get all the new subscribers you can. Get all to renew whose time las expired or whose time will soon ex fre. If any member be in arrears, get him to pay the money kind compliance with this simple request will help us greatly—it will help is endorsed by an overwhelming mayour Alliance-it will aid our cause and it will make you feel better. Who will do it? Let every subscriber make just this one little effort for the paper. We feel that in no way can the Alliance be so surely strengthened and encouraged as by having the organ in the hands and homes of its members. An increase of only one subscriber from each Alliance in our State would be a wonderful help. How many will give us their aid?

OUR FIFTH VOLUME.

WITH last issue THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER began its fifth volume. Starting under very unfavorable, not to say very discouraging, auspices, it has steadily grown in strength and "The Express has never feared but patronage until to-day it goes weekly one thing in the matter, that is that to nearly twelve thousand homes in the Alliance in the pursuit of its hon- this and other States, and more gratiest intentions may mistake traitors for fying still is the belief that it is a welcome visitor to each and all of them. That is its greatest danger and the Inspired by the cordial support of its one, above all others, that should be large and intelligent constituency. it most carefully avoided. One enemy will go forward with increased zeal in within its doors is more dangerous the cause of the people and in advo. the Alliance at Mason Lodge, Chat-

OMMENTING recently on the Views of the Press and Carolinian as to the evils which afflict the agricultural interests of the country and this city on the 11th inst. for the purthe remedy therefor, we held that the pose of deciding on the location for right, by reason of any letter or com tariff, unjust, oppressive and iniquitous | measures as might be regarde 1 as best as is that system. That it is to be for the early opening of the College. found in the corrupting and unjust | Eighteen of the members of the financial q policy of our government. Board were present. These were L. We have always admired the spirit of L. Polk, Rev. W. R. Gwaltney, Rev. fairness and frankness which has char Dr. T. H. Pritchard, Mr. N. B. acterized our esteemed contemporary Broughton, Rev. J. R. White, Rev. C. and we were therefore prepared for Durham, Dr. C. A. Rominger, Rev. its manly admission that with had Dr. S. W. Carter, Rev. G. W. Greene, "thought the protective system the Mr. W. C. Petty, Mr. J. M. Currin, author of all these woes." It says Mr. W. G. Upchurch, Judge W. T. (and we think most sincerely): "We Faircloth, Dr. R. P. Thomas and Rev. wish to find the prime cause of our Dr. Chas. E. Taylor. depression and poverty." It calls on It was found that several localities us to "speak clearly, plainly and were ably represented by citizens, our "old scattering shotgun and the college to be located in their shoot that 'financial policy' with a midst. rifle." that it may see it clearly. Well, brother, we "draw a fine bead on the of \$50,000 and a site. centre of the bull's eye." It is the national banking system of this government. Our contemporary asks if the

Democratic party has originated or ap proved that "financial policy?" We answer: The Republicans originated it. One of the prominent leaders, Mr. Conger, boasted in Congress on the 29th ult, that "it is the highest comhistory of the Republican government | quently. A strong rivalry, but a of this country, but it has been acquiesced in by the controlling power characterized the bearing of the conof the Democratic party.

this broad land to the other, without put forth in presenting the advanregard to party, - Republicans, Demo- tages of the different localities. crats, business men farmers, wealthproducers, wage earners, the suffering ation, the board decided in favor of and struggling millions are demanding locating the college at the capitol of with one voice the abolition of this the State.

control of the volume of currency or velopment of th Institution. richer and the poor poorer—a system, stantial manner. which is gradually but surely wiping cates, pools and monopolies.

If you have spoken to them, will you temporary to the fifth demand of that not do so again? We are pursuaded body, in which it is declared that, that our paper has many warm friends | "we demand that all revenues, Nationin every Alliance in the State. We al, State or country, shall be limited to respectfully ask every one who reads the necessary expenses of the government economically and honestly administered' cause. At the next meeting of your build up one interest or class at the expense of another.".

and business men of this country.

EAST CAROLINA'S EXPOSITION.

The East Carolina Fish, Oyster, Game and Industrial Exposition, to be held at New Berne, promises to be an event of no little importance. No pains have been spared to made it a success. It will be opened Monday, February 24th, by Gov. Fowle, and will continue one week. Among other distinguished men expected are exand Ransom, Minister Jarvis, and lowing is a correct copy: Hons. W. O. B. Branch, L. L. Polk and S. B. Alexander. Each day will

-Rev. O. T. Edwards will address ham county, on the 7th of March.

A "BEAD ON THE BULL'S EYE." THE BAPTIST STATE FEMALE COLLEGE.

> THE Board of Trustees of the Baptist State Female College met in

Durham led the list with an offer

Oxford \$30,000 and a site. Raleigh \$25,000 and a site. Greensboro \$10,000 and a site. The property of the Chowan Bap tist Female Institute.

An offer of property by the High

Point Female College. The claims of the respective localities were presented by their rep. pliment that has ever been paid to the resentatives ably, zealously and elo most commendable spirit of fairness, testants. It was a prize worthy the The people, from one extreme of best effort and the best effort was

After careful and prayerful deliber-

unjust and ruinously oppressive sys- All things considered, the board regarded its location in Raleigh as A system which places the absolute best for the future growth and de-

circulating medium of the country in The munificent donations offered the hands of 3,319 banks-a system by the progressive people of other which loans to a mere handful of mo. places and the earnestness manifested nopolists its money at one per cent. by them, will be most warmly appreand allows them to force the people of | ciated by every friend of female edu-Catawba county and of the country to cation in the State and especially by pay from eight to fifty, and often a every Baptist. It is but truthful and still greater per cent. for money-a just to Raleigh and her people, to say, system which, through the manipula. that from unavoidable causes the tions of money speculators, has depre citizens had not and could not be ciated agricultural lands and crops canvassed for subscriptions as thor. from 30 to 40 per cent, and has forced oughly as was desired. But the city the products to prices below their is thoroughly aroused and will do its actual cost—a system which is the duty. Her people are proud of this fruitful hot-bed of monopoly, and important addition to her already grants to a favored few the power to splendid educational institutions and oppress the many, to make the rich | will show their appreciation in a sub-

Now let the Baptists of Raleigh and out the middle class of our population of the whole State, rally to the sup and is rapidly resolving us into two port of a college so greatly needed. classes - the extremely rich and the The board is determined to establish it extremely poor-a system which dis on a basis in thorough accord with criminates against our agricultural the demands of our progressive civi classes and in favor of great moneyed lization. To present to the young centres-a system whose legitimate ladies of our State and of the counoffspring is trusts, combines, syndi- try, facilities for obtaining education, which shall not be excelled, if equalled, The people and the best interests of by any similar institution in all the the country alike demand that this South. The board is determined to oppressive and iniquitous system be make it as good as the best. But to wiped out and that the government do this, it must have the aid and coshall stop this ruinous speculation in operation of the great body of Bap-UST a word to our friends. Are their money by instituting the free tists. This great body of christian your neighbors subscribers to THE coinage of silver and issue, if need people have done nobly by the Bap-PROGRESSIVE FARMER? Have you be, its certificates direct from our Na. tist boys of the State, and now it will turn its attention to the equally im-This is the great overshadowing portant work, and which, if possible, have allowed their subscriptions to evil which to day is stifling and para. is more urgent and obligatory, of expire? Have you ever spoken to lyzing the industrial energies of this educating the Baptist girls of the these neighbors and brethren in re- country. The people feel it, hence State. That it should have been so gard to the matter? If not, will you the first of the demands laid down by long neglected is a reproach which not, as a friend to the paper and to St. Louis Convention, as appropos to can only be obliterated by giving them now an institution which shall be equal in all respects to the very best and most advanced in all the

The board engaged the services of Rev. Dr. T. E. Skinner, as Financial is getting many orders for his book Secretary who will at once engage in the noble work of securing funds for in a great thing for the paper and the National or State, shall not be used to the college. It also appointed a committee to select a site from among those offered by the city on which to We trust we have made our views locate the college and also a comsufficiently clear as to the two quastions mittee on Buildings, which shall in presented when we say that we en- vestigate plans and estimates and dorse, without reservation or equivo- adopt measures for beginning the cation, the position of the St. Louis | work of erecting them at the earliest to you and forward it to this office. A Convention on them, and we have practicable day. The work thus abundant reason for believing that it mapped out will be faithfully execu ted by the able and competent men jority of the farmers, wage-earners to whom it has been entrusted and we hope at an early day, to see in our midst an institution, thronged with the bright girls of our State, which shall be the joy and pride of every good citizen of our good old commonwealth.

OATH TAKEN BY JUDGES OF THE SUPERIOR COURT IN NORTH CAROLINA.

N esteemed friend and subscriber at Fayetteville, asks us to publish President Cleveland, Governor Fitz. the oath administered to judges of the hugh Lee and Gordon, Senators Vance superior court in our State. The fol

be made a special feature, with milithe State of North Carolina, in the smiths should read it, for it requires tary parades, Alliance day, Gala day office of judge of the superior court of almost as much skill to shoe a horse for their next year's crop. The and Firemen's day. A fine band has the said State: I will do equal law and right as in any other branch of mebeen engaged to play every day. Low right to all persons, rich and poor, chanical work. And but few black and bagging forty-four inches with excursion rates have been secured without having regard to any person. smiths have the required knowledge and to weigh not less than twell I will not wittingly or willingly take, for this all-important work. by myself or by any other person, any fee, gift, gratuity, or reward The New Berne people are using the fight when the enemy are already by me to be done by virtue of my a grand success.

office, except the fees and salary by law appointed; I will not maintain, by myself or by any other person, privately or openly, any plea or quarrel depending in any of the said courts; will not delay any person of common trouble lies deeper than the protective the institution and to inaugurate such mand from any person or persons in authority to me directed, or for any other cause whatsoever; and in case any letter or orders come to me con trary to law, I will proceed to enforce the law, such letters or orders not withstanding; I will not appoint any person to be clerk of any of the said courts, but such of the candidates as appear to me sufficiently qualified for that office, and in all such appoint ments I will nominate without reward, hope of reward, prejudice, favor or partiality, or any other sinister motive whatsoever; and finally, in all things belonging to my office, during my continuance therein, I w ll faithfully, truly and justly, according to the best of my skill and judgment, do equal and impartial justice to the public, and to individuals: So help me God.'

BIG POOL OF FERTILIZER COM-PANIES.

A Scheme to Quash the State Fertilizer in feeble health.

THE discovery of a scheme by which about forty fertilizer companies expect to evade the payment of the State fertilizer tax caused quite a commotion among the members of the Agricultural Department and trustees of the Agricultural and Mechanical College last Friday.

About eighty companies do business in this State every year. So far only about forty have taken out license and paid the five hundred dollars tax for this season.

Col. J. W. Hinsdale, a Raleigh lawyer, represents the "pool." The indications are that the pool is seeking to raise the question of the constitutionality of the tax, and, if a suit be brought there probably will be a struggle of two or three years in the courts during which time fertilizers may be sold under various permits, injunctions, etc., and in the meantime the Agricultural and Mechanical College will suffer serrously if its usefulness is not entirely destroyed, because the income that now supports it will be partially destroyed for a time at

Further developments may be ex pected in a few days.

DEATH OF COL. JULIAN ALLEN.

TE heard of the death of Col. Julian Allen, of Iredell county, which occurred on the 8th., with surprise and deep regret. Only a few days before his death he sent a notice to the Progressive Farmer, stating to his friends that a tedious illness had prevented his attending to their letters, but that he hoped to soon be able to see after their inter-

Col. Allen was a native of Poland and was nearly 59 years old. He was of royal family and came to this country when only 16 years old on account of having engaged with other University students in a revolution against the Russian government.

Col. Allen was a large-hearted, open-hearted, open-handed gentleman in every respect.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

* Bro. W. R. Walker, a graduate of Yale College, and a prominent citizen and Allianceman of South Carolina, was in the city last week. He says the Alliance is in a prosperous condition in that State.

a capital of \$10,000. We are pleased to learn that Bro. J. R. Cline, of Catawba, N. C., "Fewer Acres and how to Improve Them." It is a work that every farmer in America should read.

Bro. W. H. Worth arrived home from Philadelphia and other northern cities last Thursday. He went in the interest of the Alliance. He thinks that his trip will add much to his already excellent arrangements.

* Bro. D. P. Meacham, lecturer for Wake County Alliance, will lecture at Griffith's school house, in The Alliance has a good work before Middle Creek township, on Friday it. It has accomplished much but and Saturday, March 7th and 8th at 1 o'clock p. m. The public are in.

* Bro. A. C. Davis, Secretary of Alliance, No. 124, Enterprise, La., writes that everything is running smoothly in his section. His Alliance took \$50 worth of stock in the Commercial Association, of New Orleans and have done \$2,528.80 worth of trading in the last three months.

*. We have received a book published by M. T. Richardson, New York, entitled "The Practical Horseshoer." It is profusly illustrated, and Committee on Cotton Bagging, evidently contains valuable informa-"I, A. B., do solemnly swear (or tion for farmers and horse-owners by placing their orders early with affirm) that I will well and truly serve generally. And especially black- Georgia mills, they will be able

whatsoever, for any matter or thing every effort to make their Exposition | well-nigh delivered into their hand

JOURNALISTIC ORATORY

Several of our exchanges have lately discussed the question: "Have we any good orators among the newspaper men of North Carolina?" Their conclusion is that we have some very able speakers. What about Maj. P. F. Duffie, the accomplished editor of the Wilmington Star? A distin guished citizen of this State, speaking of this matter in our office last week. said that, in his opinion, Maj. Duffije is one of the most ornate and elegant orators connected with the State pres THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER takes pleas ure in endorsing every word of the above, and will add that the remark applies not only to the press of the State, but to the whole list of the public speakers of the State.

Mr. M. A. Underwood has retired from the Monroe Register and Mr. E. W. Pointer becomes editor and proprietor. The Register is a bright and newsy paper.

at Chadbourn. Mr J. A. Smith is editor and Dr. A. McKimmon local

The News is a new paper just started

Mr. J. J. Bruner, the venerable editor of the Salisbury Watchman,

The Wilmington Messenger says: "I the people who write for the news papers of the country would be more careful in putting in proper shape the manuscript much annoyance and profanity would be spared the compositors and in this respect a great deal good could be accomplished. At preent, between the grippe and bad manu script, life on the average newspaper is almost a burden.

The Asheboro Courier has been bought by Geo. W. Charlotte & Son We wish them abundant success.

The Graham Gleaner is fifteen year old and proposes to weather the storm for many years yet to come.

The Oxford Day is a bright, newsy little evening paper. Henderson Tomahawk: Wanted-A partner in the Tomahawk who can

furnish some cash, write locals and

keep house. Female, between twenty and thirty years old, preferred. Con tract must be signed by a minister. We hope our brother will succeed in getting his partner. If he will go around cutting down cherrytrees with his little hatchet, why not "cut"

some fellow out of his girl and settle down in the newspaper business a once?-Progressive Farmer. Here's a chance for some dashing enterprising girl who has no fears

a Tomahawk .-- Wilmington Star. Mr. A. Hatchet has become the sole proprietor and editor of the Hende

son Tomahawk. The Columbus Times has been in vived by Rev. J. A. Smith. It bublished at Chadbourn

The State Chronicle began its 20tl volume last week. Much success t

When you are trying to settle the question of "which is the best week! newspaper in North Carolina" r member that the Reidsville Review entitled to your prayerful considera

AMONG THE ALLIANCES.

What the Organization is Doing Throughout the Country. Yazoo county, Miss., has decided t

build an Alliance warehouse.

Washington county (Ark.) had 7 active Alliances within its borders.

Mrs. Nancy Woodruff is the man ager of an Alliance store in Newton county, Ga. The Granville County Alliand

warehouse has been incorporated with

The Alliancemen in Rutherfor county will erect a first-class rolle mill at an early date.

Only one county in South Carolin remains to be organized. Thre cheers for our little sis!

We learn that the Alliance busines agency is running quite smoothly South Carolina. This is gratifying news. But if any State is ahead North Carolina in these matters would like to hear from it.

The Alliance Herald (Rome, Ga.) say has much more to accomplish. For tunately for the people, it has t courage and the ability to wage w successfully, and to fulfill its mi

The State Wheel and the Sta Alliance of Kentucky have been co solidated. The subordinate organiz tions of both orders have ratified, as the presidents issued proclamatio declaring their existence terminate both being merged, with S. R. Erw president.

Chairman Northen; of the Allian notified the farmers of Georgia th secure all the covering they may ne mills will undertake to furnish stan ounces. It is evident that the farme of Georgia do not intend to give -News and Courier.